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Dear

The Subcommittee investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has obtained authorization to be furnished any and all information under the control of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning Coby V. Smith (Date of birth: 7/17/46).

Submitted herewith is a copy of Mr. Smith's release, and in accordance with same, it is requested that the CIA make access available to any and all files pertaining to Mr. Smith.

As time is of the utmost importance, your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to release any and all information which it has or maintained concerning me, and/or which it has received or obtained from me, to the Select Committee on Assassinations of the United States House of Representatives (Committee) and its staff. By this authorization, I knowingly and voluntarily waive whatever rights I may have to withhold disclosure of information in the possession of the CIA to the Committee and its staff.

Signed: John . Smi

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